

REMARKS:Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Claims 4, 9, 15 and 16 were previously rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 4 and 9 have been modified to include the notation "(SV)" after the words "spin valve" to provide proper antecedent basis for subsequent limitations including the term "SV". No other changes were made. Allowance of claims 4, 9, 15 and 16 is respectfully requested.

Claims 19 and 20 have been allowed.


Claims 2, 3, 5-8, 10 and 11 have been rewritten to depend from allowed claim 4. Because of their dependence upon allowed claim 4, claims 2, 3, 5-8, 10 and 11 incorporate the limitations of claim 4, and are therefore also believed to be allowable.

Claims 13 and 14 have been rewritten to depend from allowed claim 15. Because of their dependence upon allowed claim 15, claims 13 and 14 incorporate the limitations of claim 15, and are therefore also believed to be allowable.

Claims 1, 12, and 21 have been canceled.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 971-2573. For payment of any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2587 (Order No. SJO920000121US1).

Respectfully submitted,

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